Setting up of Marine Aquarium in Andaman Islands

7351. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for setting up of Marine Aquarium in Andaman Islands;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner this will benefit the Andamans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The Department of Ocean Development and the A & N Administration have been planning for establishment of a Marine Aquarium in Andamand Islands. However, this proposal is yet to be approved by the Planning Commission. The Aquarium, once established, will help in exhibiting the marine biodiversity of the Andaman Is lands, promote marine life education and will also attract tourists to the Islands.

National Data Buoy Programme

7352. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the National Data Buoy Programme;

(b) the quantum of money to be spent on this programme;

(c) when will this project be completed; and

(d) what are the benefits of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS", MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The National Data Buoy Programme envisages installation of about a dozen moored data buoys at selected locations in *the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of India.

(b) The cost of the programme is being estimated.

(c) The implementation period of the project is estimated as three years.

(d) The Data Buoys will provide time series data on physical, chemical, biological and environmental parameters such as wave height & period, wind speed, & direction, air temperature, air pressure, chlorophyll, nutrients etc., required for planning operation and developemnt of shipping, ports, meteorology, research coastal zone managemnt etc.,

Coastal zone and Islands Development Programmes

7353. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the coastal zone and Islands development programme;

(b) the quantum of money to be spent on this programme; and

(c) in what manner this programme will benefit the coastal areas and islands of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The Department of Ocean Development have Plan Schemes relating to the Coastal Zone &